

AGENCIES FEED THE CHILD; HOME LIFE A MERE DETAIL

Miss Tells About the Man Who Takes Advantage of Xmas to Tell a Hard Luck Story

Doing Away With Mothers

MR. EARL BARNES' talk before the University Extension Society was decidedly amusing. Mr. Barnes has evidently more faith in "central agencies" than he has in the natural instincts of motherhood.

Waiting for a Square Deal

THE decision of City Solicitor Ryan with regard to the workmen's compensation act is welcome news to women workers in the various City Hall departments.

More Human Gnats

THE Christmas season brings out the real and the false in human nature to an alarming extent. Knowing that there is no time of the year at which people are more charitably inclined, innumerable hard-luck tales and their tellers reap a rich harvest.

\$100,000 Reward!

IT LOOKS as if Mrs. Imogen Oakley's dream of a lifetime is coming true. Mrs. Oakley, be it known, is greatly interested in an anti-noise crusade for Philadelphia.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Dear Miss—Your remarks in the EVENING LEDGER relative to efficiency in the schoolroom delivered a straight-from-the-shoulder blow where it was most needed.

If teaching is a profession, then let it be treated as a profession. The slightest manner in which some misguided educators refer to elderly teachers should not be tolerated.

Experience is the main spoke in the wheel of efficiency, and untried, high-sounding theories must ultimately submit themselves to its rules.

A man between the ages of 40 and 60 is at the zenith of his powers. We do not refer to doctors or lawyers, to surgeons or business experts who have reached this "horrible age" as antiquaries.

The same thing holds good in the profession of teaching. The perfect balance, poise and experience necessary to successful results in teaching do not spring into existence overnight.

In closing one is prompted to observe that it is a poor rule that does not work both ways. How about a little "young blood and ginger" being infused into a certain worthy Board of Educators?

We feel that they would be the first, these younger members, to grant the prior rights of the women who have proved their right to an honorable consideration in their profession.

RUTH T. JONES.

Dear Miss—Who was the blacksmith who spoke 40 languages?

Elihu Burritt. CURIOUS.

Dear Miss—Kindly give me the story of Cupid and Psyche. R. W. The story of Cupid and Psyche as given by the historian Apuleius, and as illustrated in later art, is supposed to be a figurative explanation of the course of human love.

Psyche, a king's daughter, excites the jealousy of Venus, who sends Cupid to her to excite her with love for some ordinary mortal. But he is caught by her charms and lives with her in a fairy palace, she being under a vow not to look at him with her mortal eyes.

Taunted for this by her sisters, she breaks the vow, and Cupid vanishes. Venus now imposes upon her many sore trials, the last of which is to fetch a box for her from Hades, which curiosity causes her to open on the way. The escaping scent overpowers her. Cupid comes to her aid, implores Jupiter in her behalf, and with his consent she is removed to Olympus, where she lives happily ever after with Cupid.

Dear Miss—Would you be so kind as to suggest a few volumes to give a friend who is greatly interested in the works of Robert Louis Stevenson.

IRMA. Choose any of the following: Biographical edition of his works as edited by Mrs. Stevenson, 25 volumes (Scribner); Balfour, Life, 2 volumes (Scribner); Cornford, Life (Dodd); Raleigh, Life (Lane); "Letters to His Family and Friends," edited by Colvin, 2 volumes (Scribner); Genung, "Stevenson's Attitude of Life" (Crowell); Japp, "Robert Louis Stevenson, a Record, an Estimate and a Memorial" (Scribner); Kelman, "The Faith of Robert Louis Stevenson" (Revell); Mrs. M. I. Stevenson, "Letters from Samoa," edited by Marie C. Balfour (Scribner); Vallima Letters to Sidney Colvin, two volumes (Stone); Torrey, in "Friends on the Shelf" (Houghton); Strong and Osbourne, "Memories of Vallima" (Scribner).

M.LISS. Address all communications to Miss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

VELVETS ARE STILL IN VOGUE FOR SMART TAILLEURS

Now that the fall is over and real winter weather is forcing itself through our thin cloth suits, the need for something really warm is absolutely necessary.

A great many women get around this by wearing a tiny silk or woolen bridge jacket under the short coat of their tailleur. Furs may keep the throat and neck warm enough, but they are very likely to lead to discarded. The pretty quilted Japanese silk inner jackets have been elaborated upon by Oriental embroidery and flowered silks, and the result is a perfectly charming little accessory to a lady's toilette.

Waistcoats also solve the problem when worn with a tailored suit. These are made of suede or pean de chamois as a rule, double-breasted, with military brass buttons, or, in some cases, bone ones. I saw one very smart waistcoat of white broadcloth, edged with a smart piping of black-and-white striped silk, and jet buttons. The effect was striking, but admirably adapted to a certain type of woman.

Another smart-looking waistcoat was designed to be worn with the dressy blouse or velvet suit. It was made of Dresden silk, in the dimmest, pale pastel tints, with contradictory tailored details. The pockets were deep at either side of the garment, which was exactly like a man's vest. The collar of fur is very few exceptions. These variations in design make interesting study and supply not a few helpful hints to the woman who is on the qui vive for something new.

Radio sends over this model for a walking costume. The suit is velvet in an amethyst chiffon velvet and would make a stunning fashion for the December bride. It has a diaphanous line which would serve for theatre and restaurant wear, besides being quite at afternoon functions of all kinds. The collar of fur is cleverly manipulated, not only as a collar but as revers at either side of the front. Inserts of dull gold embroidery are seen on the jacket, which is softly draped, and designed especially for the slender woman. The sash belt is tied at the side also with huge tassels to finish off the ends. The skirt has a gathered yoke at the waist line, held in to a stitched, narrow belt. It is rather short, but not so short as many worn earlier in the season.



VELVET TAILLEUR

PITTIABLE APPEALS TO CHEER "SHUT-INS"

'Merry Christmas' Means Little to Sick and Crippled Unless Public is Generous

Many pitiable appeals for assistance are being received daily by Miss Mary Parker Nicholson, head of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Shut-in Society, at 1710 Chestnut street. One woman, who is helpless from rheumatism and has an invalid mother to support, needs a stove to keep them warm. A little crippled girl asks for a Christmas basket and a paralyzed mother needs bedclothes for herself and children. These are only a few of the many requests for a small share of the Christmas cheer which others in more fortunate circumstances can enjoy.

The society, whose work among the poor and crippled is non-sectarian, has on display at its exchange at 14 South street fancy worker collars, pen-wipers, needlebooks, ironholders, towels, baskets, dolls, aprons and other articles all made by invalids. The proceeds from the sale of these articles are given to the support of that particular "shut-in" who made the article purchased. Contributions for Christmas cheer for these sufferers are also received daily at the exchange and at the headquarters, 1710 Chestnut street.

Many of the appeals received are heart-rending. A little crippled girl wrote: "I am unable to read or sew and have been very sick. I have been sick for 19 years with rheumatism. My mother and I have a Christmas basket?"

Another asks: "Have you any bed clothes which you could send me for Christmas? I am confined to my wheel-chair, having been paralyzed for 16 years. I do all the work of the house in my chair, baking, sewing and sweeping. I have several children and we really need bed clothes."

Another woman writes: "My old stove is all burned out. Could you help me to get a new one? I have no one to depend on, as my father died last spring and my mother is an invalid. I am helpless from rheumatism."

The society hopes that persons who desire to help small gifts will visit the rooms and look over the articles on display so that they may be able to help in some way. The room which must be of service to more than one of us.

STARVING, SHE TRIES TO PAWN GEMS HUSBAND FOUND IN SNOW

Watch and Necklace Offered as Last Resort

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A woman whose clothes and disheveled hair indicated abject poverty, with a hungry child who bore a battered doll, walked into a pawnshop on Sixth avenue yesterday and placed a watch set with diamonds on the counter. She wanted to borrow \$2.

Detectives Claire and Whales, who were in the store, asked her where she got it and she said that her husband, who is a sandwich man, carrying advertisements on the street, found it in the snow. The pawnbroker said the watch probably was worth \$50. From her waist the woman also drew a pearl necklace made of 191 pearls, the clasp set with diamonds.

Her husband, Robert Decker, of 64 Bedford street, was found on 42d street and taken to headquarters with a chain for the neck. He said that he found it on December 9 in front of 49 East 42d street, and not knowing that it was valuable pawned a ring and a chain for \$2 each. A brooch set with sapphires and diamonds was also turned over by him.

Marion Harland's Corner

Removing Mildew Stains

I HAVE had a laundress who recently ruined my husband's favorite shirt by mildew. Some of them are white and some are black and white. Can you tell me what will remove the stains without removing the color. MRS. R. H. C. It is a way some laundresses have and one that spells ruin to many a piece of fine linen. Mildew is proverbially obstinate to the action of detergents, but it is the most exasperating because the injury is absolutely unnecessary. Cover the spots with a paste of lemon juice and salt and lay in the sun all day, wetting with lemon juice. At night soak in lathered milk. Rinse next morning and renew the application of lemon juice and salt and sunshine. Keep this up until the white shirts are free from stain. As to the black and white, I hesitate to advise you to attempt the operation. What extracts mildew will act upon the black.

Candied Violets

"Can you tell me how to candy violets, please? I enclose a stamp for a reply." "Mrs. M. E. S." I do not vouch for the excellence of this formula. It may be that a better may be sent in. Try a few flowers and if not, wait to see what the Corner may bring forth in the form of trustworthy recipes. This was given to me by one who is a very successful confectioner. Put a pound of confectioner's sugar and a cup (a gill) of cold water into a saucepan and bring to the boil after it is dissolved. Do not stir after it goes on the fire. Cook steadily until a little dropped into lead water becomes brittle at once. Let the syrup get bloodwarm and dip each flower in by the stem, holding it in the air a moment to dry partially. Then lay upon waxed paper in an airy window to harden. Do not let the violets touch one another upon the waxed paper.

Polishing a Stove

"Two items for the Corner: For bugs and vermin of any kind oil the entire bed with kerosene oil every morning and evening. It's good. Stove blacking makes such a dust polluting it; just put the blacking on freely and wipe it off after meals with newspapers or a dry clean cloth. The stove will look better every time it is rubbed. JULIA A. McD." Items from a longtime friend of the Corner which must be of service to more than one of us.

Recipe for Stove Polish

"Can you accommodate in the narrow Corner a recipe for stove polish I have used for 19 years with content? Mix aluminum powder and banana oil to the right consistency. With a broad flat brush paint the sides of the range with this mixture. It wears splendidly and does not peel or flake off. Don't get the paste too thick. MRS. A. C. K." Having given the like prescription to a dozen or more housewives who think favorably of it, I cannot disagree with you or hold back the formula from the Corner.

Fried Chicken in Cooker

"Should you want fried chicken that is delicious, prepare it as usual, then brown slightly on both sides. Have one cooker suspended heated thoroughly and take up the browned chicken, put in a cooker kettle, and leave it in the cooker two hours. I cook year-old chickens this way and they are tender and not dry. "NANNIE K." Fried chicken a la Virginia is one of the

HAVE YOU A LITTLE CARRIER OF DISEASE RIGHT IN YOUR OWN HOME?

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

CONSERVATIVE analysis of the results of thousands of examinations of the nose and throat in school children warrants the conclusion that at least one in every hundred children harbors diphtheria germs in nose or throat, even if the child has never had diphtheria.

Can such a child spread diphtheria? and does such a child spread diphtheria?

Under ordinary conditions probably not. Still, under extraordinary conditions, the precise nature of which is at present unknown, the susceptibility to infection by diphtheria increases, and then the innocent carrier might be the cause of an epidemic.

Most sanitarians believe that individuals who have really had attacks of diphtheria are more dangerous carriers, providing the germs remain present in the throat or nose after convalescence. The carrier in this instance has obviously acquired sufficient immunity to recover completely, yet he may still harbor virulent diphtheria germs in the secretions of his nose or throat.

Now for every known or unknown carrier of diphtheria bacilli there are probably a dozen carriers of ordinary "cold" germs, or pneumococci. If the truth were told, maybe you have a little carrier in your own home.

Children with adenoids or enlarged tonsils are notoriously subject to infectious inflammations of the upper respiratory tract—the nose, the throat and the bronchial tubes. Formerly this was ascribed to lowered resistance. But the conviction is gaining ground at present that the explanation is that these children are "cold" carriers, and they "catch cold" from themselves every little while, besides passing it on to the rest of the family at frequent intervals.

The diseased tonsils and the thickened adenoid masses furnish ideal hotbeds for the propagation of "cold" microbes. With a hardy stock of well-developed pneumococci always on tap is it any wonder the child "takes cold so easily?" Have the little carrier's tonsils and adenoids properly treated by the family doctor and notice how favorably the operation reacts upon the family "cold."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Can the treatment for fluor habit be given by a family physician at the patient's home or is it necessary to enter a hospital?

Lend a Hand

Lend a hand! Do not think that because your fingers are small, or because from its fingers no riches may fall, it was meant you should render no succor at all. —Julia Wolcott.

What Do You Know About The Penna. S. P. C. A.?

Do you know that it is a thoroughly organized and systematized corporation existing for the sole purpose of sensibly preventing cruelty to animals—that it is the oldest humane society in the State?

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